Proposal for Visa-on-Arrival

2549. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:
SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI:
SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a proposal to introduce Visa-on-Arrival to citizens of friendly countries;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and the names of friendly countries who would be entitled for the scheme; and

(c) by when the scheme are likely to be operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) A proposal has been received from the Ministry of Tourism for introduction of Visa-on-Arrival scheme to citizens of some friendly countries It has not been found feasible to introduce this scheme at present.

Violence by ULFA

2550. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the update scenario of violence and casualties by ULFA in Assam during three years;

(b) ULFA threat to Hindi-speaking and other outsiders to leave the State and the number of persons killed, injured;

(c) the steps taken to counter it;

(d) whether ULFA has established bases in Nepal, Myanmar and Bangladesh;

(e) whether the Minister of External Affairs during his last visit to Myanmar, discussed the issue of stepped up violence by ULFA; and

(f) if so, its outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI): (a) and (b) Details of violent incidents and casualties by United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) in Assam during the last three years and current year (upto 31st March, 2008) is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) The Central Government has been maintaining close and continuous coordination with the State Government and supplementing their efforts on a continuing basis with the aim of putting in place effective measures to control the activities of the various militant groups. The steps taken in this regard, *inter-alia*, include deployment of Central Security Forces, including Army, to assist the State police, sharing of intelligence, provision of assistance to the State Government for strengthening and modernization of the local people, raising of India Reserve Battalions, reimbursement of security related expenditure to the State Government, etc. Security Forces have been continuing sustained Counter Insurgency (CI) Operations against the militant outfit in Assam. Due to sustained CI operations, a number